

# Friday Night Fax

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## Notice of Fund Availability – 2003/2004 AmeriCorps

The ICCSV mailed out fliers notifying current and potential new applicants of the available AmeriCorps funding. An overview of the AmeriCorps guidance was made available via the ICCSV website on October 28th. The final version of the guidance will be available via the website on November 25th. The guidance on the sustainability plans is also on the website - the deadline for the plans is December 16th for current AmeriCorps grantees. If you have any questions regarding this year's process, please contact our office. Visit the ICCSV website at [www.IN.gov/iccsv](http://www.IN.gov/iccsv) for information on the AmeriCorps State application process for 2003/2004! We'll be visiting sites across the state during the first week of December.

## Help Cultivate American Democracy – VOTE!

Each day thousands of individuals volunteer their time, talents, and treasure for the common good. Our communities and democracy depend upon the engagement of local citizens working side-by-side to make our state's cities and towns even better places to live, work, and raise a family. Civic engagement begins with helping your neighbors, tutoring children, feeding the Hungry, writing a letter to the local newspaper, and attending important community meetings, but civic engagement does not stop there. This year Americans and Hoosiers alike will have another, and important, opportunity to exercise their voices as citizens. Help cultivate democracy, please remember to vote on November 5th.

## AmeriCorps Programs: Mark Your Calendars for Project STAR Training

The ICCSV will host Project STAR, a training and technical assistance national provider, on December 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in Indianapolis, Indiana. Project STAR provides Corporation-funded programs with all aspects of the evaluation process, including writing outcome-based objectives, developing evaluation plans, analyzing data, and reporting results. Look for more details in the near future!

## Unified State Plan's Next Steps

The ICCSV is gearing up to take Indiana's Unified State Plan for Service (USP) to communities throughout the state. "Our goal is to present, through a series of regional town hall meetings and leadership roundtables, volunteerism and community service as one alternative to addressing local needs," says Commissioner Jim Perry, chair of the ICCSV Resource Committee, the group which oversees the USP process. "The underlying theme of the USP is to engage local citizens in their communities. Where those energies are spent - education, community development, citizen development, etc. - is up to each individual community to decide. The ICCSV will be there to assist local communities as both a resource and consultant when called upon." In addition, the ICCSV is developing an Inter-Agency Council to **collaborate** and **communicate** with one another in the **coordination** of state resources designed to assist local communities. "We are very excited about this process," says Roos. "As Governor O'Bannon said in his 1997 State of the State Address, 'we want to spread service across Indiana like wildfire.'" To access Indiana's Unified State Plan for Service and the Concept Paper, please visit the ICCSV's web site at [www.in.gov/iccsv/unified](http://www.in.gov/iccsv/unified) or for more information contact the ICCSV at 317-233-4273.

## Interest and Need For Funding Is Great Among Local Citizen Corps Initiatives

Interest in learning more about the Citizen Corps initiative that could eventually lead to the implementation of a Citizen Corps Council is quite common among the 70% of local emergency management directors that have been contacted to date. One thing is not common, however, and that is the actual existence of Citizens Corps programs. Most of the counties that have been contacted are lacking in several areas, with respect to the five Citizen Corps components. While most show interest, all of them ask the same question, "How are we going to pay for this?" The answer to that question, unfortunately, is more elusive than it seems. Currently the ICCSV and SEMA are working together in a grant application process that would supply Indiana with funding for Citizen Corps Councils. The grantor of these aforementioned funds is FEMA, and they are instituting constraints that would only let grant money be distributed among the seven nationally recognized Citizen Corps Councils that are currently operational in Indiana. Whether or not the grant stipulations are amendable is still unclear. Additional information will be provided in near future.

## Indiana 2016 Wants You!

If you want to be informed about exciting community-based activities going on around the state, you will want to subscribe to the free e-newsletter, Building Community, from Indiana 2016. See what schools, neighborhoods and groups are doing to make their communities a better place to live and work. To subscribe, just send your request to [indiana2016@gov.state.in.us](mailto:indiana2016@gov.state.in.us). Every other month, you'll receive a link to the colorful 6-page newsletter full of success stories and free or low-cost programs available for your participation. What's more, Building Community is looking for stories from you! Email us your heartwarming stories, together with your telephone number. We'll be looking for them.

## Appropriations Update

*This article was taken from a Congressional Update published by the American Association of State Service Commissions.* Congress adjourned on Thursday, October 10th with many of the 2003 appropriations measures still incomplete. Numerous political pundits have used considerable ink in articulating the reasons behind the unprecedented situation. Many indicate that it has more to do with the November elections than a lack of desire, wit or achieving a majority. What are the results of this situation on national and community service? Most of the funding for service commission programs is contained in the VA HUD legislation though the funding contained in the Labor, HHS, Education bill is important to us as well. Neither of these appropriations bills, VA HUD or Labor, HHS, Education, has been passed by either the House or the Senate. The positive is that while some pundits indicate that the action will be completed in mid to late November, others provide a plausible argument as to why the action will not occur until the new Congress is seated in early January. The House Appropriations Committee "zeroed out" the Corporation for National and Community Service. Meanwhile, the CNCS will operate under a continuing resolution. To clarify one additional issue, the Reauthorization bill (H-4854), sponsored in the House by Rep. Hoekstra (MI) and Rep Roemer (IN) and ready for floor action, remains unscheduled as a result of a decision by the House majority whip. If action is not taken by the House and Senate before January 2003, this proposed legislation will die and need to be re-introduced in the next Congress. Some political pundits are indicating that this issue will not resurface until closer to the 2004 election. For more information, please contact the ICCSV at [iccsv@state.in.us](mailto:iccsv@state.in.us).

## ICCSV Celebrates National and Community Service at Opening Ceremonies

For the eighth consecutive year, national and community service participants from communities across the state descended upon Indianapolis to celebrate the power of service and volunteerism in Indiana. Opening Ceremonies, the annual "cross-stream" event gathers individuals from a wide variety of national and community service program supported by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and the Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism (ICCSV). Attending this year's ceremonies at the Indiana War Memorial were representatives and members of Indiana's 14 AmeriCorps Programs, VISTA, Promise Fellows, AmeriCorps National Direct, Retired and Senior Volunteers (RSVP), Foster Grandparents, and Senior Companions. The Volunteer Center National Direct was also in attendance. The event was held on Friday, October 25. Joseph L. Smith, Sr., executive director of the ICCSV, says that the event is designed to bring together all "streams" of national and community service to energize participants, provide opportunities to network, and discuss the public role of the servant-leader in the lives of others and the wider community. Sarah Ryan the director of the Volunteer Center at Butler University delivered the keynote address. "You are living your commitment by putting your beliefs into action," Ryan told the audience, "I stand here before you in awe, admiration, and gratitude." Ryan, who served as former VISTA volunteer in Kansas City, said she saw the event as a homecoming. During the morning ceremonies, Lynn Coleman, chair of the ICCSV Board of Commissioners, greeted attendees on the Governor's behalf. The Governor, who sent a letter, thanked the participants for making a difference in the lives of their fellow Hoosiers. At a luncheon, a group of invited panelists discussed service across the generations. Later in the afternoon, new and returning AmeriCorps members recited the AmeriCorps Pledge, which was administered by Frank Sullivan, Jr., an associate justice of the Indiana Supreme Court. "Thank you for 'getting things done' in Indiana," said Sullivan. After the Induction Ceremony, participants discussed what it meant to be a citizen and the importance of civic engagement.

## Securing the Homeland Through Service

As part of the continuing national effort to strengthen homeland security, Joseph L. Smith, Sr, executive director of the ICCSV, recently traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend "Securing the Homeland Through Service." The conference, sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, provided expert training to help attendees hone and strengthen their volunteer-based homeland security efforts. Speakers at the conference included John Bridgeland, assistant to the President and director of USA Freedom Corps, Steven J. Cooper, special assistant to President Bush in the White House Office of Homeland Security, and Leslie Lenkowsky, CEO of the CNCS. "This forum brought together volunteer leaders from across the country to learn how to strengthen homeland security," Smith said. "We are ready to take what we've learned to get Hoosiers to help make our communities – and our country – more secure."

## Martin Luther King, Jr Grant Recipients Announced!

The Corporation for National and Community Service recently announced that the following Indiana applicants are recipients of the 2003 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service grants: Anderson Community Schools Corporation, the City of Bloomington, Indiana University Research and Sponsorship Programs, and the Peace Learning Center. For more information on how to participate in the 2003 MLK, Jr. Day of Service, please visit [www.mlkday.org](http://www.mlkday.org). Congratulations to the four Hoosier applicants!

The Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism challenges the people of Indiana to strengthen their communities through service and volunteerism. We identify and mobilize resources, promote an ethic of service, and develop in communities the capacity to solve problems and improve the quality of life for all individuals and families.

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National Musical Tributes to Veterans – November 11<sup>th</sup> – Volunteers Wanted!

The Hattie Harris Charitable Youth Program is working with the US Department of Veterans Affairs to help coordinate two National Musical Tributes to Veterans on November 11<sup>th</sup> and April 25<sup>th</sup>. The program is hoping to schedule entertainment at every VA Medical Center in America on or around November 11<sup>th</sup>. Indiana has Medical Centers in Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, and Marion. The program would like to recruit a *Student State Coordinator* for every state and a *Student Community Representative* in every city where a facility is located. Individuals are welcome to volunteer as well! The coordinator and representatives will help identify performing groups and schedule a show in the community where the medical centers are located. Help make this November 11<sup>th</sup> a national tribute from our nation to our veterans! For more information or to volunteer as a performing group or coordinator/representative, please contact (585) 383-9088 or [cpn@rochester.rr.com](mailto:cpn@rochester.rr.com).

## Logos

*Information compiled from the Corporation for National and Community Service website and Graphic Standards: A User's Guide.* In October 2002, the Corporation for National and Community Service unveiled new logos for its three major programs – Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America. Use of the new logos by the Corporation, its programs, and state offices is required. In addition, it is strongly encouraged that all grantees and sub-grantees use the logos on all printed documents, electronic documents, and service gear. To obtain the new logos and the user's guide, please visit [www.nationalservice.org/logos](http://www.nationalservice.org/logos). Note: a white star in a blue field, which appears together with red and white stripes, represents each program logo. The three stripes represent citizenship, service, and responsibility!

## Tip of the Month!

Freedom's Answer is a non-partisan, non-profit national campaign to achieve the largest voter turnout ever in a non-presidential election year. A record-setting vote will show the world that the September 11th attacks only strengthened our nation's commitment to stand together for freedom. Please visit their Indiana web site at [www.freedomanswer.net/getlocal.IN.shtml](http://www.freedomanswer.net/getlocal.IN.shtml).

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## Important Deadlines and Upcoming Events

General Election Day	November 5, 2002
Veteran's Day	November 11, 2002
PER for October	November 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2002**
National Philanthropy Day	November 15, 2002
National Family Volunteer Day	November 23, 2002
International Volunteer Day for Economic & Social Development	December 5, 2002
Sustainability Plan Deadline for Current Grantees	December 16, 2002
New Year's Eve	December 31, 2002

\*\* Note this is different than the date in the calendar as the 11<sup>th</sup> is a Veteran's Day